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the air bag having a skin and a portion of that skin closes the opening when the air bag is deflated, and remaining as a portion of the air bag after the air bag is deployed.

4. (Amended) In combination, a vehicle having an air bag deployable upon vehicle impact and an occupant protection system for deploying a deployable air bag from a concealed location in a vehicle instrument panel having an opening, the protection system comprising:

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Add new claims 5 and 6 as follows:

OB 5. (New) The occupant protection system of claim 1 wherein the skin that closes the opening is flush with the vehicle instrument panel.

6. (New) The combination of claim 4 wherein the skin that closes the opening is flush with the vehicle instrument panel.
